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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT

FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957.

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BOSTON, December 31, 1957.

HON. JOHN B. HYNES,  
*Mayor of Boston.*

DEAR SIR:

In accordance with section 15 of chapter 185, Acts of 1875, the Parks and Recreation Commission herewith submits its annual report for the year 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. KELLEY,  
*Chairman, Board of Parks  
and Recreation Commissioners.*

HARRY J. BLAKE,  
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*Associate Commissioners.*

## INTRODUCTION

The Department of Parks and Recreation had its beginning with the appointment of the first Board of Park Commissioners on July 8, 1875, under the title "Park Department." The Board consisted of three members who served without compensation. As thus constituted, the Department continued up to 1913, when by provision of Chapter 10, Ordinances of 1912, it was merged with the Public Grounds, Bath and Music Departments, under the name of Park and Recreation Department. The Commissioners were appointed by the Mayor for a term of three years, one term expiring each year. The Chairman was a paid city official, in charge of the operation of the department. The other two members served without compensation.

In 1920 the Cemetery Department was merged with the Park and Recreation Department, and the title was changed to Park Department. On May 1, 1954, the department became the Parks and Recreation Department under the provisions of Chapter 2, Ordinances of 1954. The Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was increased to five members.

Under the latest ordinance, the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation becomes the active head of the department with power of authority far beyond that which existed when the Board consisted of three members (Sec. 36-42 incl., Chapter 2, Ordinances of 1954). The Commissioners meet as required on call from the Chairman.

The department is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of approximately 3,000 acres of parks and playgrounds. Included in this area are the following facilities: a general office building; 127 playgrounds and play areas, 47 of which have field houses; 20 parks, large and small; 2 service yards containing offices, mechanics' shops, storehouse and garage; a recreation office building; 13 indoor recreation centers; 16 public bath houses; 2 public golf courses (18 holes); 3 public bathing beaches with bath houses in which are 2 solaria; 4 swimming pools (2 indoor and 2 outdoor); 85 public squares; 1 laundry; 14 greenhouses; 19 cemeteries (3 active, 16 inactive or historic); 108 miles of parkways, driveways, walks and paths; 131 acres of ponds and rivers; and the care and maintenance of all trees on city streets, parks and playgrounds.

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The department organizes, promotes and conducts a city-wide recreation program for all age groups with special emphasis on youth programs.

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1957

This report summarizes briefly the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the staff of the department to maintain a high standard in essential services and to expand the facilities of our Park System to meet the needs of the department within our appropriation allowances.

In this report there is no particular attention given to the extensive maintenance responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Department. Reference to the introductory section of this report will indicate the large number of areas, buildings, etc., that require most of the time of our staff. It should be apparent that much of our appropriation is expended for the maintenance and improvement of parks, gardens, park and recreation buildings, mechanics' shops, golf courses, cemeteries, etc. Proper maintenance is the key to efficient service. We are confining this report to major work accomplished in 1957, all of which is substantially outside the area of general maintenance.

## PARK AND PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

*Construction of Playground at Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, Russell Road, Bruce and Weld Streets, West Roxbury:* Construction of this new playground, including grading, drainage, water supply, backstops, etc., was started during the year and approximately 90 per cent of the work under the first contract, amounting to \$90,000, has been completed. We hope to continue another phase of the construction work on this playground in 1958.

*Angell Memorial Plaza, Post Office Square:* A new park in the center of the down-town financial district, including concrete walks, new-type benches, grading, loaming and planting of trees, was constructed in 1957 and early 1958 at an approximate cost of \$10,000 appropriated by this department, and a like amount appropriated by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Small-leaf European

linden trees have been planted in this newly constructed park and during the spring, summer and fall months, this park should be quite an attraction.

*Public Garden:* This beautiful area received a face lifting with the installation of ornamental park benches and the erection of an ornamental post and chain barrier fence on the main walk. This work was done under two contracts involving an expenditure of approximately \$13,000.

*La Fayette Mall, Boston Common:* A contract in the amount of \$138,000 was awarded for the reconstruction and beautification of Lafayette Mall on Boston Common. This will be the first step in the beautification of this area which, when completed, will include special flower beds, fountain, monuments, court of flags, etc. Construction work will start early in 1958.

*East Boston Stadium and Recreation Area:* Considerable repair work, including painting of the exterior of the stadium, was completed at a cost of approximately \$9,000.

*John J. Connolly Playground, Marcella Street, Roxbury:* One of the better known and older playgrounds in the city was completely redesigned and reconstructed, including loaming, regrading, erection of new backstop, bleacher repairs, setting aside of a new children's area with complete playground equipment, all at a cost of approximately \$42,000.

## WALKS AND ROADWAYS

*Reconstruction of Commonwealth Avenue Mall:* A contract in the amount of \$44,000 was awarded and construction work started on the reconstruction and resurfacing of the main walk on Commonwealth Avenue Mall from Arlington Street to Massachusetts Avenue, as well as the resurfacing of the cross-sidewalk areas. The work is to include the paving of the existing gravel walk with a permanent asphalt surface, the erection of benches, and the replacing of the existing brick cross walks with new concrete walks. Much of the work under this contract will be done in 1958.



*Franklin Park Yard:* The department's service yard at Franklin Park was regraded, drainage installed, and resurfaced with an asphalt pavement, at a cost of approximately \$14,000.

*Commonwealth Avenue Roadway:* The in-bound roadway on Commonwealth Avenue between Kenmore Square and Charlesgate West was reconstructed and repaved, at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

*St. Thomas More Drive, Brighton:* This section, located in Brighton in the vicinity of the architecturally beautiful Boston College Law School, was resurfaced at a cost of approximately \$21,000.

## BUILDINGS

*Cabot Street Bath House, Roxbury:* This building was completely renovated and painted at a cost of approximately \$25,000.

*North Bennet Street Bath House:* Repairs and renovations were made at this location including painting of the interior, at a cost of approximately \$15,000.

*L Street Bath House:* One of the handball courts at this bath house was completely rebuilt at a cost of \$7,300.

## TREES

Approximately 1,000 trees were planted during the year on city streets and parkways, at a cost of \$30,000.

Approximately 350 dead or diseased trees were removed during the year under contract, at a cost of \$24,000. The total number removed was approximately 800, the balance over and above those removed by contract being removed by the tree staff of the Parks and Recreation Department.

## PARKS AND BEACHES

Early in the year, for the first time, there was formed a water ballet school in which participants were taught synchronized swimming. In cooperation with the American Red Cross, this department staged swimming championships open to all under 17 years of age, at Curtis Hall Pool. There were 759 participants.

Another responsibility assumed during this year was the instruction of 125 girl scouts in the art of swimming, and following this, we initiated for the first time a "Learn to Swim Program" in the indoor pools operated by the bath division. The month of May was designated as "Learn to Swim Month." Our swimming program was conducted indoors, with special classes for retarded children. In the summer months a special lifeguard training course was organized, designed to raise to the highest level of efficiency the lifeguard group serving at our beaches and pools. During the summer months beginners and intermediates were instructed in junior lifesaving and competitive swim events at L Street in South Boston, and at the George Robert White pools in Charlestown and the North End. Later in the summer, outdoor swimming championships with demonstrations in synchronized swimming were held at the above locations.

One of the outstanding events of the year was "Playground U.S.A. Day", held on Boston Common and other areas. The Bath Division participated by staging a half-hour swimming program for TV viewers, televised over station WBZ-TV, with an additional 15 minutes on a national hookup on Dave Garroway's program. The highlights of this day were the beginners' classes in action, intermediate demonstrations, and skill in swimming by the best of Boston swimmers, lifesaving demonstrations, and water ballet. Also held in the summer, under direction of the Bath Division, were CYO championships for girls and boys, and the first annual Aqua Classic for men and women.

Our indoor pools were in use daily by school groups and special classes throughout the entire season.

## RECREATION

Our recreation program and what this department accomplishes for all groups, from the youngest to the Golden Age, is well known in the community. Our program has been copied by many other cities in the United States.

As in former years we have conducted our city-wide basketball, baseball, handball and football programs in all sections of the city. Thousands of persons competed in all our events, which are set up in Junior, Junior Varsity, Varsity and Senior Varsity, and Senior

Park leagues, in all these sports. It might be of interest to point out that in our Senior Park Football League, whose games are witnessed by hundreds of thousands, the final play-off game was held in the new Boston College Stadium. This privilege was granted to us through the courtesy of His Excellency Archbishop Richard J. Cushing and Boston College officials.

During the summer season, for a ten-week period, we staffed 125 play areas with recreation leadership, and the young men and women instructors, most of whom were college graduates or upper classmen in college, directed a workshop covering sports, games, athletics, handcrafts, music, etc. Among the more popular attractions were the several soft ball leagues, which now include women as well as men.

A special indoor recreation demonstration, which included girls from each of the 14 recreation centers throughout the city, was held at the Tobin Memorial Gymnasium at which the May Queen was selected.

In addition to the regular annual events like May Day, Halloween, and the Golden Age parties, the Recreation Division promoted weekly programs beginning with "Get Acquainted Week" and including "Be Kind to Animals Week," "Do It Yourself Week," "Be a Good Citizen Week," etc.

The outstanding recreation event was held on August 9, when "Playground U.S.A. Day" was presented on Boston Common with participants from all sections of Greater Boston and some coming from a distance of more than 50 miles. The program included a Junior Olympics Novice Track Meet, folk dancing of all racial groups, and swimming events, comprising an all-day program which was carried on local radio and local and national television schedules.

## CEMETERIES

Roadways were reconstructed and resurfaced with a permanent asphalt pavement in Mount Hope, Fairview, and Evergreen cemeteries, at a cost of approximately \$31,000. New areas for burials were developed in the three active cemeteries mentioned above, which included the installation of concrete grave liners, at a cost of approximately \$14,000. Incidentally, our interments in these three cemeteries during 1957 numbered 1,980.

Additional work done during the year in our three active cemeteries included the painting of the fences at Mount Hope and Evergreen cemeteries, the installation of 500 feet of water pipe at Mount Hope Cemetery and 735 feet of water pipe at Evergreen, and the planting of 60 new trees in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**Expenditures for Maintenance, January 1 to December 31, 1957**

**PARKS, GARDENS, SQUARES**

Aquarium . . . . .	\$596 72
Aquarium, Grounds . . . . .	4,972 95
Arborway . . . . .	3,188 50
Arnold Arboretum . . . . .	2,781 53
Back Bay District . . . . .	40,638 70
Back Bay, Yard . . . . .	43,236 57
Blackstone Square . . . . .	5,346 85
Boston Common, Bandstand . . . . .	930 75
Boston Common, Convenience Stations . . . . .	24,082 56
Boston Common, Deer Park, Tool House . . . . .	3,567 93
Boston Common, Frog Pond . . . . .	4,329 04
Boston Common, Grounds . . . . .	41,564 64
Boston Common, Information Booth . . . . .	1,640 47
Boston Common, Log Cabin . . . . .	596 98
Boston Common, Playland . . . . .	1,402 56
Boston Common, Telephone Booth . . . . .	42 23
Boylston Street Subway, Telephone Booth . . . . .	209 69
Boylston Circle . . . . .	445 50
Brighton District . . . . .	21,531 18
Castle Island . . . . .	4,778 36
Central Square . . . . .	3,246 95
Charles and Arlington Streets, Telephone Booth . . . . .	387 00
Charles and Boylston Streets, Telephone Booth . . . . .	145 78
Charlestown District . . . . .	11,316 52
Chester Park . . . . .	1,474 03
Christmas Festival . . . . .	4,460 01
Christmas Trees and Decorations . . . . .	4,285 00
City Square . . . . .	981 20
Columbus Park . . . . .	34,719 51
Columbus Park Stadium . . . . .	10,538 76
Commonwealth Avenue Mall . . . . .	535 05
Commonwealth and Massachusetts Avenues . . . . .	21,114 02
Concord Square . . . . .	476 78
Dewey Park . . . . .	920 75
Districts, General . . . . .	14,722 25
Dorchester Heights . . . . .	3,338 31
Dorchester Park . . . . .	9,416 73
East Boston District . . . . .	7,025 38
East Boston Parks and Squares . . . . .	5,581 45
East Boston Stadium . . . . .	22,725 14
Eaton Square . . . . .	735 30

Edward Everett Square . . . . .	\$122 43
Eliot Joslin Park . . . . .	99 50
Eliot Square . . . . .	31 10
Fens . . . . .	16,626 97
Fens, Rose Garden . . . . .	17,296 35
Fens, Stadium . . . . .	18,694 83
Franklin Park, Administration buildings, shops, yard, etc. . . . .	41,337 03
Franklin Park, blacksmith shop . . . . .	3,090 11
Franklin Park, boat locker and boating program . . . . .	12,296 85
Franklin Park, carpenter shop . . . . .	44,472 64
Franklin Park, garage . . . . .	103,220 36
Franklin Park, golf course . . . . .	55,942 52
Franklin Park, greenhouse . . . . .	96,425 79
Franklin Park, grounds . . . . .	29,503 19
Franklin Park, harness shop . . . . .	866 91
Franklin Park, lawn mower shop . . . . .	31,592 01
Franklin Park, paint shop . . . . .	25,737 08
Franklin Park, plumber shop . . . . .	9,739 02
Franklin Park, refectory building . . . . .	10,874 45
Franklin Park, repair shops . . . . .	84,676 30
Franklin Park, Rose Garden . . . . .	18,665 90
Franklin Park, Schoolmaster Hill . . . . .	485 94
Franklin Park, storehouse . . . . .	44,232 22
Franklin Square . . . . .	3,421 35
George Wright Golf Course . . . . .	80,938 64
Grampian Way . . . . .	400 00
Harrison Park . . . . .	56 75
Haverhill Street Play Area . . . . .	108 50
Horatio Harris Park . . . . .	1,712 78
Jamaica Pond . . . . .	1,476 12
Jamaicaway . . . . .	4,078 00
James F. Collins Square . . . . .	70 70
John Harvard Mall . . . . .	295 40
John F. Donovan Park . . . . .	3,079 55
John F. Flynn Square . . . . .	303 35
Kaplan Square . . . . .	57 24
Lincoln Statue . . . . .	130 62
Longwood Park . . . . .	1,950 00
Madison Park . . . . .	3,417 01
Mary P. C. Cummings Estate . . . . .	759 06
Meade Street . . . . .	20 47
Michael J. Brophy Park . . . . .	2,126 10
Morton Street . . . . .	272 00
Murray Park . . . . .	6,509 50
North End District . . . . .	105 35
North End Prado . . . . .	7,864 20
Orchard Park . . . . .	1,492 75
Park Drive, Administration Building . . . . .	168 16
Parks and Squares, General . . . . .	29,407 54

Parks and Roadways . . . . .	\$3,986 20
Paul Revere Mall . . . . .	39 95
Peabody Square . . . . .	498 00
Post Office Square . . . . .	686 25
Preble Street Traffic Circle . . . . .	310 34
Prescott Square . . . . .	3,045 60
Public Garden . . . . .	53,415 13
Riverway . . . . .	3,645 60
Roslindale Square . . . . .	3,108 35
Ross Estate . . . . .	824 85
Savin Hill Tennis Courts . . . . .	57 04
Soldiers' Monument Lot . . . . .	26 68
South Boston, Dorchester Districts . . . . .	10,747 94
South End District, Parks and Squares . . . . .	87 10
Sumner and Lawson Streets . . . . .	483 32
Thetford Avenue . . . . .	483 84
Thomas Park . . . . .	68 00
Training Field, Charlestown . . . . .	1,645 08
Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway . . . . .	7,734 25
Wallingford Road . . . . .	483 84
Ward's Pond Area . . . . .	581 93
Washington Park . . . . .	1,782 97
Webster Square . . . . .	8 07
West End Parks, Squares and Playgrounds . . . . .	3,269 10
Worcester Square . . . . .	364 54
Zoological Garden, animal range . . . . .	11,658 70
Zoological Garden, antelope house . . . . .	11,565 53
Zoological Garden, bear dens . . . . .	10,500 48
Zoological Garden, bird house . . . . .	57,973 20
Zoological Garden, camel house . . . . .	30 38
Zoological Garden, elephant house . . . . .	22,042 42
Zoological Garden, elk range . . . . .	6,220 66
Zoological Garden, general . . . . .	87,860 44
Zoological Garden, lion house . . . . .	14,076 17
Total . . . . .	<u>\$1,499,592 22</u>

## PLAYGROUNDS

Almont Street Playground . . . . .	\$12,348 51
American Legion Playground . . . . .	4,812 83
Arthur F. McLean Playground . . . . .	2,645 20
Billings Field Playground . . . . .	12,395 71
Brookside Avenue Playground . . . . .	110 75
Cassidy Playground . . . . .	11,372 77
Ceylon Street Playground . . . . .	8,138 99
Christopher J. Gibson Playground . . . . .	11,652 72
Christopher J. Lee Playground . . . . .	7,662 95
Cook Street Playground . . . . .	53 00
Fallon Field Playground . . . . .	10,905 67
Francis Parkman Playground . . . . .	4,126 86

Franklin Field Playground . . . . .	\$27,871 43
Frederick D. Emmons Playground . . . . .	3,246 08
George H. Walker Playground . . . . .	7,262 45
Green and Lamartine Streets Playground . . . . .	41 49
James L. Cronin Playground . . . . .	9,163 25
James F. Healy Playground . . . . .	8,205 95
James and Margaret Tobin Playground . . . . .	258 30
Jefferson Playground . . . . .	9,737 94
John J. Connolly Playground . . . . .	8,606 13
John A. Doherty Playground . . . . .	182 33
John J. Doherty Playground . . . . .	9,629 59
John F. Holland Playground . . . . .	4,356 23
John W. Murphy Playground . . . . .	7,080 97
John H. L. Noyes Playground . . . . .	7,412 94
John J. Ryan Playground . . . . .	9,935 74
John Winthrop Playground . . . . .	772 68
Joseph E. Lee Playground . . . . .	490 00
Kiley Street Playground . . . . .	258 30
King Street Playground . . . . .	101 00
L. Gertrude Howes Playground . . . . .	599 20
Leo F. McCarthy Playground . . . . .	1,109 50
Lester J. Rotch Playground . . . . .	6,507 84
London and Decatur Streets Playground . . . . .	3,354 26
Mary Draper Playground . . . . .	8,352 88
Mary Hannon Playground . . . . .	2,714 02
Mary E. Hemenway Playground . . . . .	11,418 82
McConnell Park Playground . . . . .	829 84
McKinney Playground . . . . .	7,589 33
Mission Hill Playground . . . . .	8,159 00
Paris Street Playground . . . . .	3,231 35
Parker Hill Playground . . . . .	8,355 93
Playgrounds, General . . . . .	42,312 68
Portsmouth Street Playground . . . . .	216 64
Prince Street Playground . . . . .	3,189 24
Quincy Street Playground . . . . .	212 10
Readville Playground . . . . .	2,159 50
Reverend Father Buckley Playground . . . . .	95 72
Rogers Park Playground . . . . .	10,126 14
Ronan Park Playground . . . . .	10,706 88
Smith's Pond Playground . . . . .	10,664 77
Stanley A. Ringer Playground . . . . .	8,524 35
Thomas J. Roberts Playground . . . . .	7,727 40
Wesley G. Ross Playground . . . . .	7,025 90
William J. Barry Playground . . . . .	10,434 48
William E. Carter Playground . . . . .	7,407 49
William Eustis Playground . . . . .	12,964 30
William E. Garvey Playground . . . . .	4,350 62
William F. Smith Playground . . . . .	11,702 63
William Gary Walsh Playground . . . . .	8,568 59
Total . . . . .	<u>\$421,450 16</u>

Recreation Division — Administration . . . \$351,790 93

BATHS, BEACHES, POOLS, RECREATION, CENTERS

Brighton, Bath . . . . .	\$11,014 95
Broadway Municipal Building, Bath, Center . . . . .	36,164 61
Cabot Street, Bath, Pool, Center . . . . .	56,486 87
Charlestown, Bath, Center . . . . .	12,055 95
Charlestown, Pool (Outdoor) . . . . .	50,696 97
Chester Park, Pool . . . . .	53 04
Columbia Road, Bath, Center . . . . .	16,172 40
Curtis Hall, Bath, Pool, Center . . . . .	30,520 35
Dover Street, Bath House and Laundry . . . . .	132,228 62
Hyde Park, Bath, Center . . . . .	15,930 25
John J. Williams, Bath, Center . . . . .	32,685 15
L Street Bath House and Beach . . . . .	135,654 55
Maurice J. Tobin Memorial Building, Bath, Center . . . . .	27,321 53
North Bennet Street, Bath, Center . . . . .	52,091 71
North End Park Beach, Bath and Pool (Outdoor) . . . . .	56,132 10
Paris Street, Bath, Center . . . . .	57,751 93
Plympton Street, Pool . . . . .	252 50
Repair Room, Sewing Room, and Stock Room . . . . .	40,281 74
Roslindale, Bath, Center . . . . .	12,051 60
Tyler Street, Bath, Center . . . . .	12,882 75
Vine Street, Bath, Center . . . . .	31,082 30
Baths, General . . . . .	21,497 24

Total . . . . . \$841,009 11

GENERAL EXPENSES

Central Office — Administration . . . . .	\$187,305 63
Street Trees . . . . .	154,021 82
Automobiles, Tractors, Wagons, etc . . . . .	100,086 47
Miscellaneous . . . . .	167 48

Total . . . . . \$441,581 40

RECAPITULATION

Parks, Gardens, Squares . . . . .	\$1,499,592 22
Playgrounds . . . . .	421,450 16
Baths, Beaches, Pools, Recreation Centers . . . . .	841,009 11
Recreation Division — Administration . . . . .	351,790 93
General Expenses . . . . .	441,581 40
Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways . . . . .	56,846 07
Rehabilitation of Franklin Park Zoo . . . . .	9,054 20
Repairs to Buildings and Structures . . . . .	65,844 68
Playground, Fairmount Section, Hyde Park . . . . .	1,560 00
Playground, Hanson Street, South End . . . . .	2,200 00



Park and Playground Improvements, etc. . . . .	\$74,194 19
Planting and Replacement of Trees . . . . .	31,973 27
Removal of Trees Afflicted with the Dutch Elm Disease . . . . .	31,992 50
La Layette Mall, Boston Common . . . . .	8,412 16
Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway . . . . .	71,054 22
Total . . . . .	<u>\$3,908,555 11</u>

**Expenditures of Revenue and Non-Revenue, Special Appropriations and Trust Funds, January 1, 1957, to December 31, 1957**

Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income . . . . .	\$5,129 87
Randidge Trust Fund, income . . . . .	1,729 00
Construction of Buildings and Original Equipment and Furnishings Thereof . . . . .	23,702 39
Michael Francis Cahill Fund . . . . .	3,984 70
Department Equipment Loan, Revenue and Non-Revenue . . . . .	14,467 77
George T. Angell Memorial Plaza, Post Office Square . . . . .	8,280 47
Total . . . . .	<u>\$57,294 20</u>

**CASH RECEIPTS**

**For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1957**

**PARK DIVISION**

Franklin Park Golf Course . . . . .	\$27,871 00
George Wright Golf Course . . . . .	39,722 00
Permits for signs, openings, etc. . . . .	414 00
Fees for services . . . . .	470 00
Commission on public telephones on park property . . . . .	3,415 90
Settlement of claims for damages . . . . .	1,010 53
Refunds . . . . .	229 92
Towels, soap, in playground houses . . . . .	2,141 33
Rentals from property and concessions . . . . .	10,845 33
Miscellaneous . . . . .	34 90
Boston Common Tree Fund, income . . . . .	125 88
Randidge Trust Fund, income . . . . .	1,776 72
Babcock Music Fund, income . . . . .	97 21
Foss Flag Fund, income . . . . .	85 00
Foss 17th of June Fund, income . . . . .	85 00
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income . . . . .	5,948 47
Sales of park lands . . . . .	90,000 00
Rental Guaranty . . . . .	200 00
	<u>\$184,473 19</u>

**BATH DIVISION**

Towels, soap, etc., in bath houses . . . . .	\$30,859 33
	<u>30,859 33</u>
	<u>\$215,332 52</u>

Above receipts were credited as follows:

General Revenue . . . . .	\$117,014 24
Trust Funds, income . . . . .	8,118 28
Sales of City Lands . . . . .	90,000 00
Suspense Account . . . . .	200 00
	<u>\$215,332 52</u>

FRANKLIN PARK GOLF COURSE  
1957

*Opening Date, April 6. Closing Date, December 22*

Registered Attendance, 40,647

Annual Permits, 478 at \$25 . . . . .	\$11,950 00
Annual Permits, 4 at \$50 . . . . .	200 00
Daily Permits, 146 at \$3 . . . . .	438 00
Daily Permits, 4,064 at \$2 . . . . .	8,128 00
Daily Permits, 3,872 at \$1.50 . . . . .	5,808 00
Twilight Permits, 1,347 at \$1 . . . . .	1,347 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$27,871 00</u>

GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE  
1957

*Opening Date, April 6. Closing Date, December 22*

Registered Attendance, 43,040

Annual Permits, 482 at \$40 . . . . .	\$19,280 00
Annual Permits, 33 at \$70 . . . . .	2,310 00
Daily Permits, 145 at \$4 . . . . .	580 00
Daily Permits, 3,394 at \$2.50 . . . . .	8,485 00
Daily Permits, 3,516 at \$2 . . . . .	7,032 00
Lockers, 407 at \$5 . . . . .	2,035 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$39,722 00</u>

ATTENDANCE RECORDS — 1957

*Playgrounds, Shower Baths, Beaches and  
Swimming Pools, Gymnasia*

Playgrounds, Summer Attendance . . . . .	6,800,000
Playgrounds, Winter Attendance (Skating) . . . . .	350,000
Shower Baths . . . . .	2,467,739
Beaches and Swimming Pools . . . . .	1,203,714
Gymnasia, Class and Individual Attendance . . . . .	170,000
Total . . . . .	<u>10,991,453</u>

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT— CEMETERY DIVISION.

The following annual report is presented for the Cemetery Division from January 1, 1957, to December 31, 1957.

### DEPARTMENT CEMETERIES

The burying grounds, cemeteries and tombs which are owned by and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows, with a total area of about 7,040,708 square feet:

	Square Feet.	Estab- lished.
<i>Bennington Street, East Boston</i> . . . . .	157,500	1838
<i>Bunker Hill, Charlestown</i> . . . . .	48,202	1807
<i>Phipps Street, Charlestown</i> . . . . .	76,740	1630
<i>Copp's Hill, Hull street, City</i> . . . . .	89,015	1659
<i>King's Chapel, Tremont street, City</i> . . . . .	19,344	1630
<i>Granary, Tremont street, City</i> . . . . .	82,063	1660
<i>Central, Common, City</i> . . . . .	60,693	1756
<i>South End South, Washington street, City</i> . . . . .	64,670	1810
<i>Hawes, Emerson street, South Boston</i> . . . . .	11,232	1816
<i>Union, East Fifth street, South Boston</i> . . . . .	5,470	1841
<i>North, Uphams Corner, Dorchester</i> . . . . .	142,587	1633
<i>Eliot, Eustis street, Roxbury</i> . . . . .	34,830	1630
<i>South, Dorchester avenue, Dorchester</i> . . . . .	95,462	1814
<i>Westerly, Centre street, West Roxbury</i> . . . . .	39,450	1683
<i>Walter Street, West Roxbury</i> . . . . .	35,100	1711
<i>Evergreen, Commonwealth avenue, Brighton</i> . . . . .	604,520	1848
<i>Market Street, Brighton</i> . . . . .	18,072	1764
<i>Mount Hope, Walk Hill street, 125 acres and 14,330 square feet</i> . . . . .		1851
<i>Fairview, Fairview avenue, Hyde Park, about 50 acres,</i>		1892

### CITY TOMBS

Twenty-five in the South Ground; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Ground; one tomb for infants and one for adults in Copp's Hill Ground; one for adults and one for infants in the Granary Ground; one for infants in King's Chapel Ground; one for infants in the Central Ground; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery, and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

## Cemetery Division Receipts, January 1 to December 31, 1957

CEMETERIES	General Receipts	Perpetual Care Receipts	Interest on Perpetual Care
Mount Hope.....	\$108,651 00	\$21,230 00	\$21,177 19
Fairview.....	34,319 76	9,650 00	7,684 66
Evergreen.....	18,915 00	10,395 00	6,031 18
Dorchester North.....	140 00		403 48
Dorchester South.....			131 07
Central.....	40 00		62 50
Copp's Hill.....			62 50
Westerly.....			176 32
Phipps Street.....			6 56
Bunker Hill.....			1 20
Granary.....			62 50
King's Chapel.....			62 50
Office.....	91 00		
Totals.....	\$162,156 76	\$41,275 00	\$35,861 69
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Total, Book Value of General Fund, December 31, 1956..			\$4,515,611 57
Interest, General Fund 1957.....			134,630 21
Revenue (General Receipts) 1957.....			162,156 76
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			\$4,812,398 54
Payments from Fund, 1957:			
Accrued Interest on Securities Purchased.....	\$2,281 00		
Refunds.....	485 00		
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			2,766 00
Total, Book Value of General Fund, December 31, 1957..			\$4,809,632 54
Perpetual Care Funds, December 31, 1957.....			1,205,481 66
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Total Cemetery Funds.....			<u>\$6,015,114 20</u>

**Summary Statement of Cemetery Activities, January 1 to  
December 31, 1957**

CEMETERIES	Interments.	Lots Sold.	Graves Sold.	Lots in Perpetual Care.	Graves in Perpetual Care.	Lots in Annual Care.	Graves in Annual Care.	Foundations Built.	Preparing and Planting.	Various Orders.
Mount Hope.....	1,302	173	301	9,188	2,093	.....	.....	334	18	1
Fairview.....	480	22	236	1,110	1,418	1	.....	99	.....	3
Evergreen.....	194	25	58	1,146	2,905	2	.....	84	3	2
Dorchester North....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phipps Street.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bunker Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerly.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	1,978	220	595	11,449	6,416	3	.....	517	21	6

**Cemetery Division Expenditures for Maintenance, Year Ending  
December 31, 1957**

Office . . . . .	\$18,152 12
Mount Hope . . . . .	196,749 12
Fairview . . . . .	60,864 39
Evergreen . . . . .	52,732 55
Dorchester North . . . . .	3,664 56
Dorchester South . . . . .	3,577 34
Bennington Street . . . . .	3,462 47
Hawes and Emerson . . . . .	97 30
Westerly . . . . .	57 50
Central . . . . .	91 80
Eliot . . . . .	2,002 59
South End South . . . . .	1,961 28
Copp's Hill . . . . .	3,478 36
Granary . . . . .	3,345 80
King's Chapel . . . . .	3,510 25
Bunker Hill . . . . .	1,755 12
Phipps Street . . . . .	1,775 23
Market Street . . . . .	74 47
Park . . . . .	3,694 30
Total . . . . .	<u>\$361,046 55</u>













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